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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Review/Update of NSC's "Selected National Security Issues" Book of December 1985

1. You will see by the covering memo from Bob Pearson (for Rod McDaniel) that we -- along with State and Defense -- are being asked to provide suggested changes and updates on the issues contained in this book, as well as suggesting additional subject material which we believe should be included.

2. This (December 1985) issue was produced as a result of a similar review and update of the April 1985 edition which was conducted last Fall. (On 1 October I forwarded a copy of our comments, including suggested new sections, based on the DI's review.)

3. Please return to me -- by 1600 23 June -- a single annotated copy (additions, deletions, revisions) along with one copy of each addition (in required format) you believe should be included in the next version.

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Attachment:

"Selected National Security Issues",  
dated December 1985



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June 5, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR NICHOLAS PLATT  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

COLONEL JAMES F. LEMON  
Executive Secretary  
Department of Defense

Executive Secretary  
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Selected National Security Issues Book

It is time to revise the current Selected National Security Issues Book. This book provides a concise, unclassified explanation of current key policy issues and suggested talking points to illuminate administration policy objectives.

In the past your organization has been very helpful in suggesting changes, updates and additional items. These contributions ensure a high caliber product and, therefore, I solicit your comments again. Please forward these not later than Wednesday, June 25, 1986.

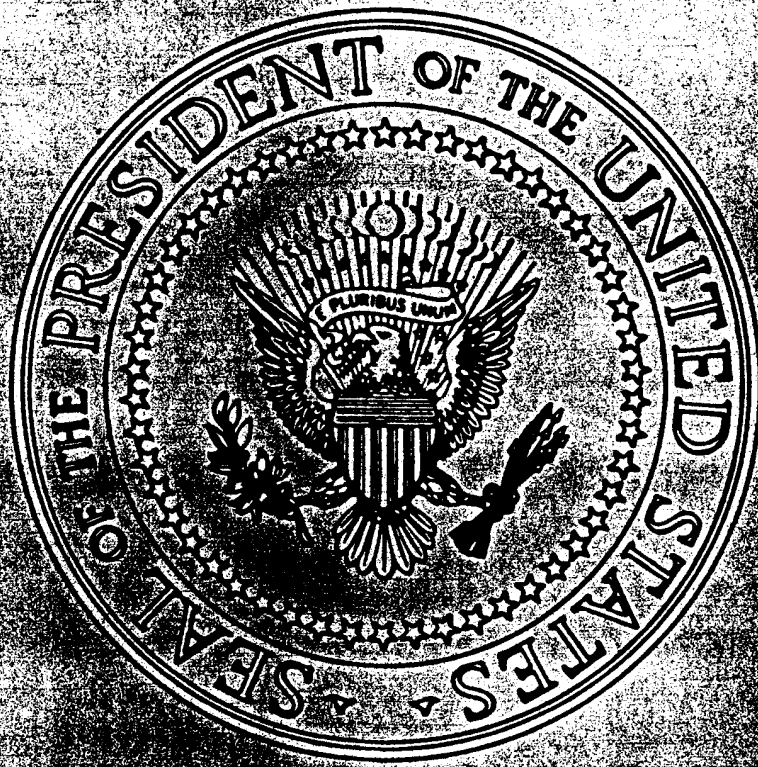


Rodney B. McDaniel  
Executive Secretary

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Selected National Security Issues Book

# **SELECTED NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES**



**December 1985**

## SELECTED NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES

The following pages represent a second revision of the Selected National Security Issues Book first assembled in September 1984. The book attempts to provide a concise explanation of certain key national security-related issues of current concern to our Government, together with an account of Administration policy objectives, accomplishments, and suggested talking points on each issue. The document is not intended as a comprehensive or in-depth review of any one aspect of our national security policy; rather, it is hoped that it will serve a useful purpose by generally illuminating the specific policy issues it discusses.

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